DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member is not able to understand what you say.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I am not able to make it more clear.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): If the member means through service through one gate and then through the other in the same day, he will have to pay at each toll-gate.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I wish to know whether the member is aware that buses having through service now pass through these two gates in the same day.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I am not aware of that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): That is the information I wanted.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I object to that comment.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I wish to know whether there is a rule fixing the distance between two toll-gates in the State.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No rule.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I think we have sufficiently discussed the matter. We shall proceed to the next.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I want to ask one question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I consider further questioning unnecessary on this subject.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Is it a ruling that before the time expires the members cannot ask for information?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Certainly not. The expiry of time has nothing to do with what is considered relevant and what is considered necessary. The Chair thought that this matter had been sufficiently explained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): A point of order, Sir. Before hearing me or my question, how can the Chair decide whether it is relevant or not?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are not expected to make any comment on the ruling.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I am rising to a point of order, Sir, whether, it can be a ruling that the Chair can decide the nature of a member's question, before hearing him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is a question which the Chair knows, is asked after time.

Nomination of Municipal Councillors.

39. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principles followed by them in the matter of nominating Municipal Councillors from communities which have no chance of representation by election?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The principle kept in view is to give, as far as possible, fair representation to the communities unrepresented by the elections.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): As between those communities, is there any preference given to particular communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is all the principle the Government have in view. As far as possible, those communities which are least represented will be given representation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know what sort of representation is given to communities which do not get any representation whatsoever even at the same time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): We take them by rotation, first one community, then another and so on.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether, there is any rule as to the rank in the course of rotation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. (Chief Secretary to Government*): Government decide each case on its merits.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the depressed classes are given adequate representation in Municipal Councils?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As far as possible, they are.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are too late.

Muslim Graduate applicants for appointment in the Education Department.

49. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of graduate Muhammedans who have applied for appointment in the Education Department during the past five years?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Thirty

Opening of the Chauganacherry Allppey Canal

41. **MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what sum has been spent upon the Changanachery-Alleppey canal;

(*b*) how much more will be required to complete it;

(*c*) when the work was begun;

(*d*) when the work was stopped;

(*e*) why the work was stopped; and

(*f*) whether the Government have altogether abandoned the scheme?

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